
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**April 23, 2013
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori
Castro, Fernando
Garcia, Dan
Higgins, Kathryn

Metro
Caltrans, District 7
SCAQMD
SCAQMD

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Kuo, Ryan
Luo, Rongsheng
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace
Brady, Mike
Cacatian, Ben
Chu, Phillip
Crow, Jason
MacMillan, Ian
O'Connor, Karina
Sonnenberg, Stew
Walecka, Carla
Yoon, Andrew

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Caltrans Headquarters
VCAPCD
SANBAG
ARB
SCAQMD
EPA, Region 9
FWHA
TCA
Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Fernando Castro, Caltrans District 7, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Mr. Castro welcomed Dan Garcia and Ian MacMillan, SCAQMD, as new TCWG members representing the Air District.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1 TCWG March 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes
The minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2013 FTIP Administrative Modification #8 was under review by SCAG staff and anticipated to be completed by the end of the month;
- 2013 FTIP Amendment #9 county submittals were due to SCAG by May 7, 2013.

4.2 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment #1 was approved for public release by SCAG's Transportation Committee on April 4, 2013 and would undergo a 30 day public review period ending on May 9, 2013.
- A public hearing was held in SCAG Downtown LA office with video conferencing at five SCAG regional offices and no comments were received.
- The proposed final amendments will be presented to the Regionwide CEOs Working Group on May 17, 2013 followed by the Regional Council for adoption in June 2013.

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4.3 Draft Conformity Determination for Amendment No. 1 to 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and Amendment No. 13-04 to 2013 FTIP

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- As required by federal transportation conformity regulations, SCAG staff has performed conformity analysis for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and 2013 FTIP amendments
- The draft conformity analysis demonstrates that the amendments pass all conformity tests.
- There are two sets of new emission tables in the regional emission analysis section:
 - The budget tests for the seven new ozone nonattainment areas including Morongo and Pechanga under the 2008 8-hour ozone standards; and
 - The budget tests for the South Coast Air Basin with the recently proposed new PM10 budgets (Table 6). Since the proposed PM10 budgets have not been finalized by EPA, Table 6 is for information purpose only until the new budgets are approved by EPA. If the new PM10 budgets are approved by EPA as proposed, Table 6 will supersede Table 5 which includes budget tests with the existing PM10 budgets.
- The draft conformity analysis was presented to SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) as an information item earlier this month.
- The draft conformity analysis was currently under a 30-day public review and was subject to the public hearing held last Wednesday (April 17) as part of the amendments document. No comments were received at the public hearing.
- After the public review, the final conformity analysis will be presented to EEC for recommendation to the Regional Council for approval, tentatively scheduled for early June
- Upon adoption by the Regional Council, the final conformity analysis will be submitted to FHWA/FTA for approval

In response to a question, Mr. Luo clarified that the conformity analysis presented today was for amendments to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and 2013 FTIP; The two conformity analyses that were submitted to FHWA/FTA last month and earlier this month separately were for conformity re-determination for the new 2008 8-hour ozone standards.

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4.4 EPA Update

Karina O’Conner, EPA, reported the following:

- Federal Register (FR) Notice of EPA’s proposed approval of the South Coast PM10 Maintenance Plan was published on April 8, 2013 and was undergoing a 30 day public comment period ending on May 8, 2013.
- FR Notice of EPA’s Final Approval of Imperial County Fugitive Dust Rules was published on April 22, 2013 and would be effective May 22 which would permanently terminate all sanctions including highway sanctions.
- EPA was still working on contingency measure issues in South Coast PM2.5 SIP Revision.

4.5 ARB Update

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB continued to work with EPA and expected to finalize the PM Hotspot Analysis Guidance using EMFAC2011 soon.
- A Public workshop for EMFAC2013 was tentatively scheduled in mid May 2013 pending management approval.

In response to questions, Mr. Crow clarified that EMFAC2013 development timelines will be available during public workshop; EMFAC2013 will reflect Advanced Clean Cars regulations, combine current three modules into one, contain default regional activity data, as well as allow importing of regional activity data.

SCAG and SCAQMD requested a staff level meeting with ARB regarding EMFAC2013 development before public workshop.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, had no new updates

Kathryn Higgins, SCAQMD, reported the following

- 2015 AQMP meetings will be scheduled in the next couple of months.
- Dan Garcia replaced Yvonne Drummonds as the lead TCWG representative of South Coast Air District along with Ian MacMillan while Ms. Drummonds will be a secondary contact.

Phillip Chu, SANBAG, reported that Lisa Poe had retired so he will replace her as the lead TCWG contact representing SANBAG.

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5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

No comments.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday May 28, 2013 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.